

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1120 - HB 1012

March 10, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enhances the Class B misdemeanor of intentionally displaying in a threatening manner an imitation firearm in a public place in a way that would cause a reasonable person to fear bodily injury to themselves or another to a Class A misdemeanor.

Requires reasonable person to fear serious bodily injury rather than bodily injury. Deletes provision deeming an act to occur in a public place, even though the actor is not in a public place, if the act produces the prescribed consequences in a public place.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The bill narrows the defense by requiring victims to fear serious bodily injury rather than bodily injury. This could lead to a reduction in the number of convictions.
- However, according to statistics from the Administrative Office of the Courts, there has only been one conviction for this offense in the past five years. Narrowing the offense will not have a significant impact.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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